



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 959

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The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist. and SEN. FRANTZ, L. of the 36th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN INVENTORY OF THE STATE'S BIOSCIENCE EDUCATION PIPELINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint
2 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
3 matters relating to commerce shall appoint and convene a working
4 group to conduct an inventory of the educational resources available at
5 public and private institutions of higher education in the state to
6 prepare students for careers in the bioscience field and make
7 legislative recommendations to improve and increase the availability
8 of such resources.

9 (b) Appointments to the working group shall include, but need not
10 be limited to, representatives from the joint standing committee of the
11 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
12 the Department of Economic and Community Development,
13 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, the Board of Regents for

14 Higher Education, the regional community-technical college system,
 15 The University of Connecticut, a private institution of higher
 16 education, and a bioscience industry association. All appointments to
 17 the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the
 18 effective date of this section.

19 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
 20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall
 21 select the chairperson of the working group. The chairperson of the
 22 working group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
 23 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
 24 this section.

25 (d) Not later than January 15, 2018, the working group shall submit
 26 a report on the inventory and recommendations pursuant to
 27 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the
 28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
 29 and higher education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
 30 4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the
 31 date that it submits such report or January 15, 2018, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a working group to conduct an inventory of the educational resources available at public and private institutions of higher education in the state to prepare students for careers in the bioscience field. The working group shall submit a report by January 15, 2018 to the Commerce Higher Education Committees of its recommendations to improve and increase the availability of these resources.

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 18 to those agencies participating in the working group to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses, currently at 53.5 cents/mile.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the working group terminates in FY 18.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

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Yea 20 Nay 1 (03/21/2017)